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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:)	
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed patent document is also enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENT:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
2000-344377	Japan	December 12, 2000

REMARKS

The JP '377 reference is cited at page 2 of the specification, and is believed pertinent for the reasons set forth therein. An English translation of the Japanese document is not presently available to Applicant's attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. An English abstract for the JP '377 reference obtained from a commercial database also is enclosed as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

FEE STATEMENT

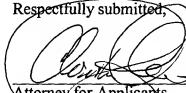
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or prior to the mailing of an initial official action. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

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